

Scheme for relieving the Distressed Agricultural Labourers in the Rural Areas.

*Q.—544. Sri B. L. NARAYANA SWAMY (Mulbagal).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that most of the agricultural labourers in the rural areas often fast during off seasons for want of any means of livelihood ;

(b) has the Government thought of envisaging any scheme to relieve such helpless labourers from the distress they are subjected to ;

(c) if so, what is it ;

(d) whether they have considered the recommendations made by the Agricultural Minimum Wages Committee in their report of 1959 with regard to the Agricultural labourers in the rural areas ;

(e) if so, what are the recommendations the Government has accepted ?

A.—Sri T. SUBRAMANYA (Minister for Law, Labour and Local Self-Government).—

(a) No.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of the reply to clause (a) above.

(d) Yes, only with reference to the fixation of minimum wages.

(e) Orders of Government have been issued in Notification No. LLH. 128 LMW. 59, dated 30th December 1959. Copy placed on the Table of the House.

Sri B. L. NARAYANASWAMY.—Is it the opinion of the Government that agricultural labourers in rural areas live without any means for their livelihood ?

†Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—The question is : are they fasting. The answer is 'No'.

Sri B. L. NARAYANASWAMY.—Can they live without any means of livelihood ?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—They are, according to me getting sufficient opportunities of labour.

Sri B. L. NARAYANASWAMY.—May I know the occupation they get during off-season ?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—I am not aware.

Sri B. L. NARAYANASWAMY.—Have not the Government conducted a survey ?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—There are several opportunities offered to them ; development works are undertaken ; road works are taken ; most of them are employed throughout the season even though during agricultural season they get themselves employed in agriculture.

Sri B. L. NARAYANASWAMY.—Are there any who are going without employment and who are fasting ?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—No case of fasting has come to my notice. If there is any man without employment in any of the villages, and if that case is brought to my notice, I will send such people to Sharavathi and get them work.

Construction of Bridge across Gangosly River in South Kanara District.

*Q.—550. Sri Y. MANJAYA SHETTY (Baindur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct a bridge across Gangosly river in South Kanara District ;

(b) if so, whether estimate for the same is prepared and approved ?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes ; Estimate for the bridge proper excluding approaches is approved by the Government of India.

†Sri M. N. NAGHOOR.—This question has been replied in the very session when it was put by the Leader of the Opposition.